

## UNMANNED MILITARY DRONE TARGETING

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs continued hearings entitled “The Rise of the Drones II: Examining the Legality of Unmanned Targeting.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## PUERTO RICO DEMOCRACY ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a non-record vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2499, the “Puerto Rico Democracy Act of 2009.” The rule provides one hour and 30 minutes of general debate with one hour equally divided and controlled by the Chair and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Natural Resources and 30 minutes controlled by Representative Velázquez of New York. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute except for clause 10 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the Rules Committee report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question. All points of order against the amendments except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that the Chair may entertain a motion that the Committee rise only if offered by the chair of the Committee on Natural Resources or his designee. The Chair may not entertain a motion to strike out the enacting words of the bill (as described in clause 9 of rule XVIII). Testimony was heard from Chairman Rahall, Representatives Rangel, Gutierrez, Velázquez, Hastings of Washington and Foxx; and Resident Commissioner, Pedro R. Pierluisi, Puerto Rico.

## AMERICA COMPETES REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 5116, America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010.

## SMALL BUSINESS TRADE POLICY

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing entitled “Evaluating the Impact of Small Business Trade Policy on Job Creation and Economic Growth.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## COLUMBIA RIVER—SAN FRANCISCO BAY PROTECTION

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment continued hearings on Protecting and Restoring America’s Great Waters, Part II: The Columbia River and San Francisco Bay. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hastings of Washington; Blumenauer and Speier; Nancy Stoner, Deputy Assistant Administrator, EPA; and public witnesses.

## BRIEFING—HOT SPOTS

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hot Spots. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### COMPREHENSIVE IRAN SANCTIONS, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND DIVESTMENT ACT

*Conferees* met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2194, to amend the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 to enhance United States diplomatic efforts with respect to Iran by expanding economic sanctions against Iran, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 2010

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Federal Railroad Administration and the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine holding banks accountable, focusing on if treasury and banks are doing enough to help families save their homes, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Library of Congress and the Open World Leadership Center, 3:30 p.m., SD-138.